Page 53, line 1, after "(14c)" insert --which--;

line 4, change "and" to --is also located--;

line 14, change "its thumb of its" to --the thumb of his or her--;

line 15, change "its" to --his or her--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and 2, without prejudice, and substitute therefor new claims 3-16, as follows:

--3. An electronic image pickup apparatus comprising:

a main body frame;

a housing which houses the main body frame and which has a battery insertion opening for taking in and out batteries;

a shaft supporting recess portion provided in a position on an inner surface of the housing to face the main body frame and covered with the main body frame within the housing; and

a battery cap having a rotation center shaft rotatably supported by the shaft supporting recess portion on the inner surface of the housing,

wherein the main body frame prevents the center shaft from separating from the shaft supporting recess portion within

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the housing, and the battery cap is rotatable around the rotation center shaft between a close position for covering the battery opening of the housing and an open position for opening the battery opening.

4. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 3, wherein:

the battery cap has a pair of rotation center shafts arranged concentrically and directed opposite each other;

a pair of shaft supporting recess portions having radial direction openings covered with the main body frame within the housing, respectively, are provided in two positions on the inner surface of the housing to face the main body frame, respectively; and

the paired rotation center shafts of the battery cap can be rotatably supported by the paired shaft supporting recess portions on the inner surface of the housing.

5. An electronic image pickup apparatus comprising:

a battery holder holding a flat battery at a part of a peripheral surface of the battery and a part of both end surfaces thereof, the flat battery having electrodes on the peripheral surface thereof and on one end surface thereof; and

a housing including a battery holder chamber having a battery insertion opening for putting the battery holder in and

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out of the chamber, the battery holder being put in and out of the chamber through the battery holder opening while the peripheral surface of the battery is directed to the battery holder opening, and

wherein the battery holder chamber further comprises a first terminal arranged for contacting one electrode on the peripheral surface of the battery held by the battery holder inserted from the battery holder insertion opening into the chamber, and a second terminal for contacting another electrode on one end surface of the battery held by the battery holder inserted from the battery holder insertion opening into the chamber.

6. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the battery holder chamber of the housing is defined by a peripheral wall protruding from the inner surface of the housing and facing the peripheral surface of the battery held in the battery holder within the battery holder chamber in directions except for a direction facing the battery holder opening, another end surface facing area surrounded by the peripheral wall on the inner surface of the housing and facing the other end surface of the battery of the battery holder within the battery holder chamber, and a fixed side wall fixed to a protruding end of the peripheral wall and facing the one end surface of the battery of the battery holder within the battery

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holder chamber, and wherein the first terminal is provided on the other surface facing area on the inner surface of the housing and the second terminal is provided on the fixed side wall.

7. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the fixed side wall is made of electric terminal material and the second terminal is formed by a part of the fixed side wall.

8. An electronic image pickup apparatus comprising:

a housing which houses image display means for displaying an image based on an image signal inputted thereto; and

a tripod support having a tripod hole and provided at the housing,

wherein the image display means has at least two protruding pieces protruding in a same direction, and the tripod support is arranged between at least the two protruding pieces of the image display means within the housing.

9. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 8, wherein:

the tripod hole of the tripod support is opened in a cross surface area in the outer surface of the housing, and the cross surface area extends in directions crossing a rear surface

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area to which an image display portion of the image display means is exposed, in the outer surface of the housing;

the image display means protrudes the at least two protruding pieces toward the cross surface area within the housing;

a main body frame is housed in the housing; and

the image display means is supported by the main body frame through the at least two protruding pieces.

10. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image display means comprises a liquid crystal display device.

11. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the image display means comprises a liquid crystal display device.

12. An electronic image pickup apparatus comprising:

a housing which houses a finder unit, electronic image pickup means and image display means, and being provided with an image display operating member for operating the image display means on an outer surface thereof,

wherein:

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located on a rear surface area, to which the image display portion of the

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image display means is exposed, in the outer surface of the housing,

the eyepiece window is also located in a left side of an image display portion of the image display means on the rear surface area, and

the image display operating member is located in a right side of the image display portion of the image display means on the rear surface area.

13. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window of the finder unit is also located in a vicinity of an upper end of the rear surface area, and the image display operating member is also located in the vicinity of the upper end of the rear surface area.

14. An electronic image pickup apparatus comprising:

a lens unit for imaging an object and producing an electronic pickup image;

an image display for displaying the image; and

a housing for housing the lens unit and the image display,

wherein the lens unit and the image display are arranged in the housing so as not to overlap each other in a direction along an optical axis of the lens unit.

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15. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising an electronic flash, housed in the housing, for emitting light, and

wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash window for allowing light emitted from the electronic flash to be propagated toward the object, and the electronic flash window is arranged at an upper position of a center portion of a front region in an outer surface of the housing.

16. An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a finder unit for capturing a desired photographic target, said finder unit including a finder eyepiece and being housed in the housing, and

wherein the finder eyepiece and an image display portion of the image display are arranged on a rear region of the outer surface of the housing so as not to overlap each other, and the finder eyepiece is positioned at an upper end position of one end side on the rear region.--